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PEOPLE EXPECT CERTAIN THINGS FROM ME. THEY EXPECT A LIFE DEFINED BY SUCCESS.
BUT MEN LIKE BATMAN ALSO EXPECT ME INCAPABLE OF SUCCESS UNLESS IT'S THROUGH UNETHICAL, DEVIOUS OR VIOLENT MEANS.
K'k...B...
YOU MURDERED NIGHTWING.
AS I SET OUT TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM THESE CARNIVAL-MIRROR JUSTICE LEAGUERS CALLED THE CRIME SYNDICATE, BATMAN BELIEVES I'VE PREDICTABLY STABBED HIM IN THE BACK.
OR WORSE.
BATMAN--!
LUTHOR KILLED DICK, SELINA.
YOU SAID THIS LIGHTNING ROD WAS FROM THE FUTURE! MAYBE WE CAN USE IT TO SAVE HIM OR SOMETHING? I DON'T KNOW--!
RRR!
LIGHTNING...MY ARMOR'S BATTERIES ARE LOW. I SHOULD BE CONSERVING POWER FOR MY INEVITABLE CONFRONTATION WITH THE CRIME SYNDICATE... BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE.
ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE ACTIVATED.
ARGHHH!
KZZZZZT!
"I SAW THE DARK LIGHTNING..."

...THE LIGHTNING WAS CALLED DOWN TO THE WATCHTOWER. THAT MEANS THOSE FOOLS...
"...THEY LET HIM SPEAK."
YOU ARE ARMED WITH A GUN, AND YOU IN THE HELMET ARE WEARING AN AIR TANK.
ARE YOU BOTH HUMAN?
LAST TIME WE CHECKED.
THEN YOU ARE USELESS TO ME.
"ALEXANDER LUTHOR IS FREE."
BOOOOMM!!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE OF THIS ROOM, BUT THAT HAS TO WAIT.
I DON'T NEED BATMAN BLINDED BY VENGEANCE AND GRIEF.

IF I'M GOING TO SUCCEED TODAY, I NEED BATMAN ON MY SIDE.
IF I HADN'T STOPPED GRAYSON'S HEART, THIS "MURDER MACHINE" WOULD HAVE DETONATED AND WE ALL WOULD HAVE DIED. I HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE, BATMAN.
I MADE HIM FLATLINE...
"...AFTER I FORCED HIM TO SWALLOW A CARDIOPLEGIA PILL."
A WHAT?
RR.
A DRUG THAT PARALYZES THE CARDIAC MUSCLES SURROUNDING THE HEART.
AND IF THIS BOY'S HEART DOESN'T GET A SHOT OF ADRENALINE RIGHT THIS VERY SECOND--
--HE'S GOING TO STAY DEAD.
KAFF
DICK?

BATMAN...?
I TOLD YOU I HAD IT UNDER CONTROL. THERE WAS NO NEED TO WORRY...
...ABOUT HIM.
RR.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GET OFF!
RAWW.
YOU AND BIZARRO ARE SO CUTE TOGETHER, LEXY.
WHAMWW!

GRID?
NO, BATMAN.
RR?
GRID HAD A BAD DAY.
CYBORG'S BACK.

I'LL GLOAT LATER, BUT RIGHT NOW WE NEED TO MOVE. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE SYNDICATE REALIZES GRID'S DOWN AND OUT.
LAST TIME WE SAW YOU, YOU WERE A FEW ARMS AND LEGS SHORT OF A BODY.
AND YOU WEREN'T WORKING ALONGSIDE LEX LUTHOR AND...
...THAT THING.
RR?
PUT THE HEAD DOWN.
PUT IT DOWN AND GIVE ME THE ROD.
WHAT HAPPENED TO GRID?
WE CAN BRING EACH OTHER UP TO SPEED ON THE WAY TO THE SUBLEVEL, NIGHTWING. IT'S WHERE THEY'RE HOLDING FIRESTORM.
THE REST OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IS STILL TRAPPED INSIDE HIM.
YES, YOU GO RESCUE YOUR FRIENDS WHO CAUSED THIS MESS WHILE WE DO THE HEAVY LIFTING AND TAKE ON THE SYNDICATE.
I'M GLAD WE AGREE, LUTHOR.
I WAS BEING SARCASTIC.
DID YOU HONESTLY GIVE NIGHTWING A PILL TO STOP HIS HEART OR DID YOU DECIDE TO BRING HIM BACK AFTER BATMAN FLIPPED?
DOES IT REALLY MATTER?
BATMAN?
GOOD LUCK.
GOOD LUCK, LUTHOR.
THERE'S NOTHING MORE FUN THAN A DISTRACTED DARK KNIGHT.
"IT'S THE END OF DAYS."

ALEXANDER LUTHOR IS FREE, ULTRAMAN.
YES, DEATHSTORM.
AND HE CALLED DOWN THE LIGHTNING OF MAZAHS. MEANING HE IS ONCE AGAIN CHANNELING THE POWER OF THE SYNDICATE MEMBERS HE'S SLAUGHTERED.
HOW DO WE STOP HIM?
WE NEED TO GET ALEXANDER UNDER CONTROL AND FORCE HIM TO CHANGE BACK. SUPERWOMAN'S LASSO OF SUBMISSION--
IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO BREAK ALEXANDER'S WILL, BUT...SUPERWOMAN ISN'T HERE.
IS SHE WITH OWLMAN?
"I DO NOT KNOW."
ALFRED?
NO, I'M NOT WITH OWLMAN.
I'M RIGHT WHERE I SHOULD BE.
KRAKOOM

ALONGSIDE THE FATHER OF MY UNBORN CHILD.
OUR UNBORN CHILD.
LOIS? YOU... YOU TRAITOROUS WITCH.
WHY?
BECAUSE ALEX IS STRONGER THAN YOU, CLARK...

"...AND MY CHILD MUST BE PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS."
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, VIC?
MY FATHER REBUILT ME.
I LURED GRID OUT OF THE WATCHTOWER--CONNECTED WITH HIS A.I.--AND TOOK CONTROL OF HIS SYSTEMS BEFORE I SHUT HIM DOWN.
I CROSSED PATHS WITH STEVE TREVOR. HE'S BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH MARTIAN MANHUNTER.
AND J'ONN IS INSIDE FIRESTORM WITH THE REST OF THE LEAGUE?
FIGHTING TO BREAK OUT, MANHUNTER TOLD TREVOR THAT FIRESTORM'S PSYCHIC BOND COULD BE BROKEN BY SOMEONE WITH A STRONG EMOTIONAL TIE TO WONDER WOMAN--
--SEEING THIS.
HER LASSO OF TRUTH, CYBORG?
WHICH IS WHY YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING IS LEGIT, CATWOMAN. TREVOR HAD IT.
WHERE IS TREVOR?
UNCONSCIOUS THANKS TO THE SYNDICATE'S SECRET SOCIETY--BUT HE'S SAFE. THERE ARE HEROES OUT THERE, ONES I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF, WHO HAVE RISEN UP TO FIGHT. YOU SHOULD SEE IT.
INSPIRING. TRULY. BUT BACK TO FREEING THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--YOU SAID SOMEONE WITH A STRONG "EMOTIONAL TIE" TO WONDER WOMAN--
STEVE'S STILL IN LOVE WITH DIANA, WHICH IS WHY MANHUNTER KNEW HE COULD CONNECT WITH HER.
BUT IF TREVOR'S NOT HERE...
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO HELP FIRESTORM BEFORE HE GOES BOOM--

"...AND TAKES US WITH HIM?"
I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU, LUTHOR.
BUT YOU WERE STILL WORRIED ABOUT THE BEING THAT RAVAGED OUR EARTH, ULTRAMAN.
I'LL DESTROY IT AS SOON AS I KILL ALL OF YOU.
THE SYNDICATE RAN AWAY FROM US. WHY?
LK, SINESTRO, IN TH SKY.
WHO'S THAT WITH ULTRAMAN?
IT AIN'T NO GOOD GUY, DEATHSTROKE.
HE NEEDS TO DIE, TOO, COLD.
WHO DOES, MANTA?
WELCOME BACK TO THE PARTY, LUTHOR.
RR.
YOU WERE STRONGER THAN ME .
...BUT THAT WAS BEFORE JOHNNY QUICK, BEFORE HAWKWING, BEFORE WALLY BASTON.
I'M STILL STRONGER.
TT!
NG.
I CALL UPON THE STRENGTH OF THOSE I'VE SLAIN.

THOOM
TAKE A NAP, ULTRAMAN.
I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU ONCE I'VE ABSORBED THE POWER OF YOUR TEAMMATES.
YOU MANIPULATED US ALL INTO BRINGING ALEXANDER HERE.
YES, PROFESSOR. AND YOU STUPID MEN DIDN'T SEE IT.
I'LL TURN YOUR BLOOD INTO TAR--
OH, NO, DEATHSTORM. NO, HONEY, YOU DON'T WANT TO FIGHT ME, DO YOU?
I WANT TO KILL--
..I WANT... NO. SO BEAUTIFUL..
..I WANT WH-WHATEVER YOU WANT.
I WANT YOU TO DIE. FOR MY LOVER. FOR ALEXANDER.
I'VE BEEN CRAVING THIS FOR YEARS, STEIN.
YOUR NUCLEAR POWER...
GET CLOSE! HE'S GOING TO--

YES.
GO.
SNFF
DEATHSTORM IS FINALLY MINE.

FIRESTORM'S GLOWING BRIGHTER, AND THAT SMELLS LIKE THE AIR IS BURNING.
J'ONN?
BATMAN.
IF WE DON'T UNLOCK FIRESTORM NOW, HE'S GOING TO DETONATE AND TAKE THE ENTIRE EASTERN SEABOARD WITH HIM.
YOU KNOW WHY YOU CAN DO THIS AS WELL AS I DO.
GIVE ME THE LASSO, VIC. I CAN CONNECT WITH DIANA.
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER A LONG TIME...
IS THAT REALLY IT, BATMAN?
SKT
DO YOU HEAR THAT? SOMEONE'S COMING.
YES, RICHARD.
I'VE COME FOR YOU!

I HEAR SLADE MUMBLE A STRING OF OBSCENITIES BEFORE HIS HELMET SHATTERS. THEY'RE DIRECTED AT ME.
WHERE DID ALL OF YOU COME FROM?
IT CAN'T BE MORE THAN FORTY DEGREES, BUT COLD IS SWEATING.
THE SYNDICATE HAD HIM TIED UP WITH TAPE OVER HIS MOUTH.
WE TOOK IT OFF TO ASK HIM WHO THE HELL HE WAS. THEN HE SHOUTED SOMETHING AND A BOLT OF LIGHTNING--
HE SHOUTED SOMETHING?
HE SAID, WHAT THE HELL WAS IT..?
THINK, COLD.
I'M TRYIN. IT..
"..IT WAS MAZAHS. HE SAID MAZAHS!"
LIGHTNING TORE THROUGH THE CE..NG AND HE CHANGED FROM SOME SCRAWNY HOMELESS DUDE INTO THAT.
THEN HE GRABBED JOHNNY QUICK.. HE BROKE HIS NECK. AND HE WAS FAST.
"LIKE HE TOOK HIS SPEED."
HE SAID HIS NAME WAS ALEXANDER LUTHOR.
AND THEN IN A BLUR, AS IF SUMMONED BY NAME, HE'S IN FRONT OF US.
I LOOK IN HIS EYES. AND SEE MINE.
MY MOUTH IS FULL OF BLOOD BEFORE I CAN EVEN SPEAK.

RR!
WHAT ARE YOU?
ME BIZARRO.
GGGK.

WHATEVER YOU ARE.
...YOU HAVE POWERS.
KRAATCH
AND I WANT THEM.
NO!
YES.

KRKK.
CREATURE?
..KK..
I CAN FIX THIS.
I CAN FIX YOU.
NO FIXING BIZARRO..
..SORRY.. ME SORRY.. ME..
..ME WISH..
B'ZARRO?
BIZARRO?!
HE'S DEAD, AUTHOR.
AND WE'RE GONNA BE. THAT GUY'S SWINGING BACK AROUND, AND YOUR ARMOR'S ON THE FRITZ.
WE NEED TO GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE. FORGET THAT THING.
IT WAS JUST A MONSTER ANYWAY.
BUT HE WAS MY MONSTER.

RRG. I..
I NEED TO BE STRONGER. I NEED KRYPTONITE...
THE AMAZONIAN PROPHECY SAYS A NEW AGE OF DARKNESS WILL BE BROUGHT BY MY FIRST BORN. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS INTO SUCH A PERFECT WORLD FOR OUR CHILD, ALEXANDER
YES. FOR OUR CHILD. BUT FIRST WE HAVE FUN BURNING THESE ANTS.
ACCORDING TO COLD, ALEXANDER LUTHOR'S LIKE YOU, BLACK ADAM. YOU NEED TO CALL DOWN YOUR LIGHTNING, LET IT STRIKE HIM AND--
I C'NT.
ONE PROBLEMO, LUTHOR. ULTRAMAN CRUSHED BLACK ADAM'S JAW. HE CAN'T SAY NOTHIN'
I CAN HELP MY FRIEND HERE TALK.
H'W?
MY RING CAN REALIGN YOUR BROKEN JAW, AT LEAST MOMENTARILY.
ONLY NEED 'S'MOMENT.
TAKE THIS.
WHAT'S IT?
A LIGHTNING ROD OF SOME KIND--FROM BATMAN. IT'LL DRAW THE LIGHTNING TO ALEXANDER LUTHOR INSTEAD OF BLACK ADAM.
AND WHEN THIS MANIAC'S HUMAN AGAIN--YOU LEAVE HIM TO ME.
RIGHT AFTER I CUT OUT HIS TONGUE.
SO TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE COUNTRY YOU LEAD

YOU NEED TO HURRY, BATMAN.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO STOP US, OWLMAN.
I'M NOT HERE TO STOP YOU, RICHARD.
I'M NOT HERE FOR THE SYNDICATE.
I WANT YOU TO WIN.
MY GOTHAM IS GONE. ALFRED IS DEAD. YOU'RE ALL I HAVE LEFT.
I CAME TO TELL YOU..
WHERE..?
..I'M NOT GIVING UP ON YOU AND I BEING A TEAM AGAIN.

AH.
A RING BEARER. YOU HAVE NO ABILITIES TO STEAL.
HOW LITTLE YOU SEEM TO KNOW.
AHHHH!
AAGG!
I HAVE HIM.
YES.
NOW, ADAM. FOR KAHNDAQ.
SH..
I'M GOING TO TEAR THE SKIN FROM YOUR SKULL!
IT'S GOING TO BE OVER...
. WITH ONE FINAL WORD.
SHAZAM!

THE LIGHTNING TEARS OPEN THE SKY. SUPERWOMAN IS CAUGHT IN THE STORM.
KRAK
AAIEEEE!
SHE SCREAMS AND.
YOUR LIGHTNING... S THAT.
... S THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?
HAHAHA HAHA
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE?
HAHAHA
YES...
...IT S, ISN'T IT?
OH, CRAP--

AH-HA.
DON'T RUN AWAY.
I KNEW WHO YOU WERE AS SOON AS I LOOKED INTO YOUR EYES.
YES, ULTRAMAN WAS RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING LEX LUTHOR.
THIS EARTH IS FULL OF WEAKER VERSIONS OF OURSELVES.
AAGGG!!

I AM STRONGER THAN YOU.
I AM MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU.
I AM BETTER THAN YOU.
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
MAYBE YOU ARE ALL THOSE THINGS. B-BUT I AM STILL YOU.
AND I SOUND EXACTLY LIKE YOU.
MAZAHS!

KRAK
BOOM
GG..M...
MAZ--
CHINK
I MAY NOT BE AS STRONG OR AS POWERFUL AS YOU, ALEXANDER..
CHINKKFF
Gk
..BUT I'M SMARTER.
HIS BODY FALLS TO THE GROUND. I THINK IT'S OVER.

I'M WRONG.
I SUPPOSE YOU SHOULD GET SOME CREDIT.
YOU NOT ONLY MANAGED TO SURVIVE LONGER THAN YOU SHOULD HAVE, YOU ACTUALLY KILLED ALEXANDER LUTHOR.
AND I'LL KILL YOU TOO.
AHH!
YOU'RE WEAKER THAN YOU'D EVER ADMIT, ULTRAMAN. I'VE OBSERVED YOU ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR POWERS ARE LIMITED BY A NEED TO CONSUME KRYPTONITE--
--AND THEY'RE ELIMINATED BY SUNLIGHT.
WHAT'S CAUSING YOU IMMENSE PAIN IS SOMETHING I PICKED UP ON A RECENT TRIP TO WAYNE ENTERPRISES. THE LAST WEAPON TO COMPLETE MY ARMOR--A SOLAR GUN DESIGNED TO BURN THROUGH--
FZZZZZ
AAHHH!
YES, WELL.
SO MUCH FOR YOUR WEAPONS.

AAARGGHHH!
I HAVE HER
THE SUN IS BACK
THANKS TO BLACK ADAM AND SINESTRO.
AND WITH THE LIGHT ..
COME THE HEROES.
AARRRGGGHH!!

YOU'RE CONFUSED ABOUT WHERE STRENGTH REALLY COMES FROM, ULTRAMAN.
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE DOWN THERE AND I'M STANDING HERE.
YOU THINK A GREEN ROCK IS WHAT MAKES YOU STRONG.
JUST LIKE ALEXANDER LUTHOR THOUGHT HIS ARRAY OF ABILITIES MADE HIM STRONG.
IF I'M BEING HONEST WITH MYSELF, THERE WAS A PART OF ME THAT ENVIED THEM RIGHT UP UNTIL THIS MOMENT. BUT IN TRUTH, THEY'RE A WEAKNESS TOO READILY RELIED UPON.
K-KILL ME.
NO.

NO, YOU'RE GOING TO STAY THIS WAY, ULTRAMAN.
.. KNOWING YOU'RE THE WEAKEST MAN ON THE PLANET IN BODY AND MIND.
"KILL ME"? HONESTLY.
J-JOHNNY?
JOHNNY MY B-BELT'S SHORTED OUT. WH-WHERE ARE YOU, BABY?
OH, HE'S DEAD ALREADY. AND YOU...
WHAT?
YOU STARTED ALL OF THIS, ATOM CA.
I'M ENDING IT.
IS EVERYONE OKAY?!

NO.
SUPERMAN'S DYING.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH H.M, WONDER WOMAN?
I REMEMBER . . . BEFORE WE WERE IMPRISONED INSIDE FIRESTORM, LANTERN, SUPERMAN WAS SICK.
BECAUSE ATOMICA PUT A SLIVER OF KRYPTONITE IN HIS HEAD, FLASH.
CAN ANYONE HELP HIM?
I CAN, STARGIRL.
I CAN HELP SUPERMAN.

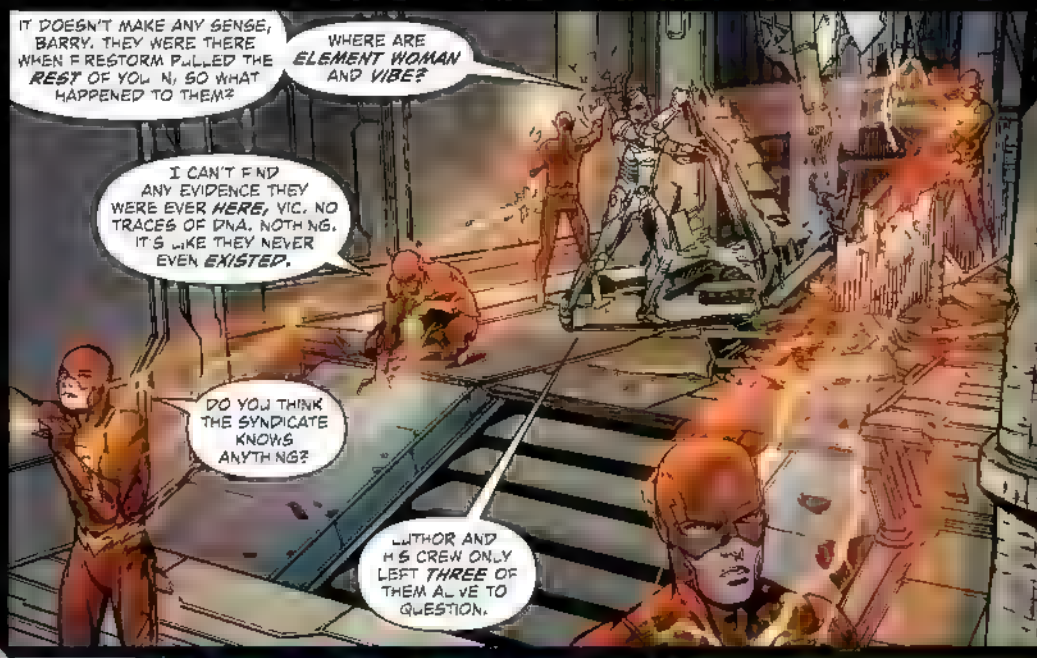
TINK
WHAT HAPPENED?
I JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE.
AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THINGS CHANGED FOR ME AFTER THAT.

IT WAS HEAVILY DEBATED THE NEXT DAY, BUT AFTER ALL WAS SAID AND DONE, EVEN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HAD TO ADMIT TO EVERYONE THAT WE HAD SAVED THE WORLD.
THE PENDING CHARGES AGAINST US WENT INTO QUESTION.
WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS, I BELIEVED OUR RECORDS WOULD BE WIPED COMPLETELY CLEAN.
I TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT.
HA HA HA

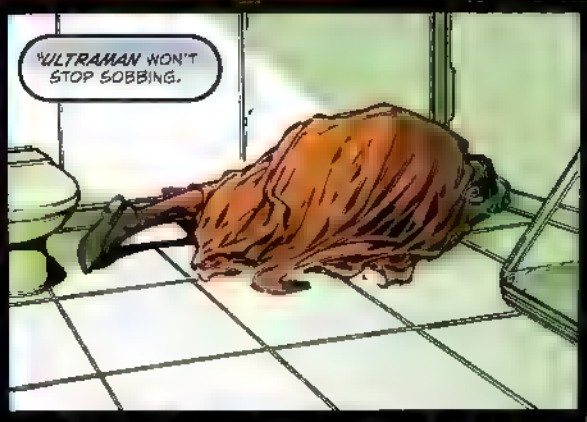
..IF ANYONE CAN TURN THEIR LIFE AROUND, IT'S HER.
THIS S AN OPPORTUNITY, CATWOMAN...
. TO START OVER.
YOU AREN'T A CR M NAL, NOT L KE THE REST OF THEM. GIVEN WHAT YOU HELPED ME DO--
AFTER WHAT WE JUST WENT THROUGH TOGETHER THAT'S IT?
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SAY TO ME EXCEPT "BE A GOOD GIRL"?
THERE CAN'T BE.
I'M SORRY.
"I DON'T WANT TO HIDE, BATMAN."
I'M NOT GO NG TO H DE, BRUCE.
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO H DE, DICK. TH S SN'T ABOUT YOUR TRUE IDENTITY BE NG EXPOSED TO THE WORLD-- T'S ABOUT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THAT.
TH S MISSION WILL BE THE MOST DANGEROUS TH NG I'VE EVER ASKED YOU TO DO.
THE WORLD'S THE SAME EVERYWHERE. THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR: IT'S TIME TO REBUILD, TO GET BACK TO LIFE...

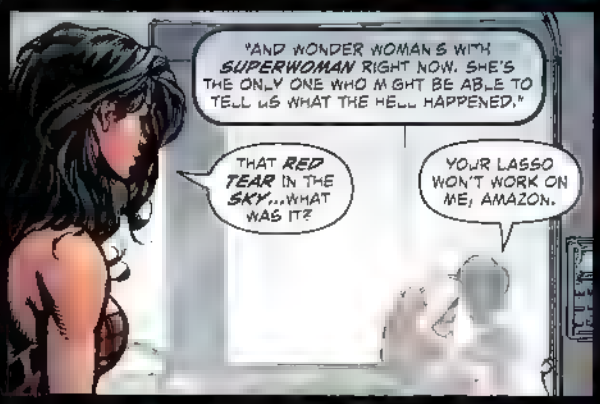
..AND BACK TO BUSINESS.
UNDER CONSTRUCTION THANKS TO LEXCORP
AND FOR ME, IT'S TIME TO PAY SOME DEBTS.
MR. LUTHOR? THE KID IS HERE.
SLADE WILSON
TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
SEND HIM IN, MERCY.
MR. LUTHOR? IT'S A . PLEASURE TO MEET YOU. I, UH..
...WOW, THIS IS A BIG OFFICE.
KORD INDUSTRIES

I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU SEEING ME FACE TO FACE; CONSIDERING HOW BUSY YOU MUST BE.
IT'S FINE. HOW CAN I HELP YOU, MR. KORD?
CALL ME TED.
I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND MY FATHER.
YOU DO...?
I MEAN, I KNOW HE CAME TO METROPOLIS TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR OFFER ON HIS COMPANY BEFORE HE DIED.
I'M STILL IN GRAD SCHOOL. MY MOTHER'S GOING TO NEED ME NOW. MY FATHER DIDN'T WANT TO SELL TO YOU...BUT I WILL.
SO IF YOU STILL WANT KORD INDUSTRIES, MR. LUTHOR, IT'S ALL YOURS.
YES, OF COURSE. I..
..NO.
I CAN'T TAKE KORD INDUSTRIES FROM YOU.
WHY NOT?
BECAUSE YOUR FATHER WANTED YOU TO RUN IT ONE DAY, TED. AND THAT DAY IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE NOW.
EVEN IF I WANTED TO RUN KORD INDUSTRIES, MR. LUTHOR, I HAVE NO IDEA HOW--
BUT YOU KNOW HOW TO INVENT THINGS, DON'T YOU?
I'VE READ UP ON YOU AND YOUR WORK IN NANOTECHNOLOGY, TED. YOU STARTED COLLEGE AT SIXTEEN. YOU DEVELOPED DRONES THE SIZE OF AN INSECT AT NINETEEN. YOUR WORK IS GOING TO BE REVOLUTIONARY.
AND KORD INDUSTRIES IS A FAMILY BUSINESS. AND FAMILY... FAMILY IS IMPORTANT.
I CAN'T TAKE THAT AWAY FROM YOU OR FROM THE PEOPLE WHO NOW WORK FOR YOU.
BUT I WILL BE HERE IF YOU EVER NEED ANY ADVICE. I'M ONLY A PHONE CALL AWAY.
EVERYONE'S RIGHT ABOUT YOU, MR. LUTHOR.
YOU'RE ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS.

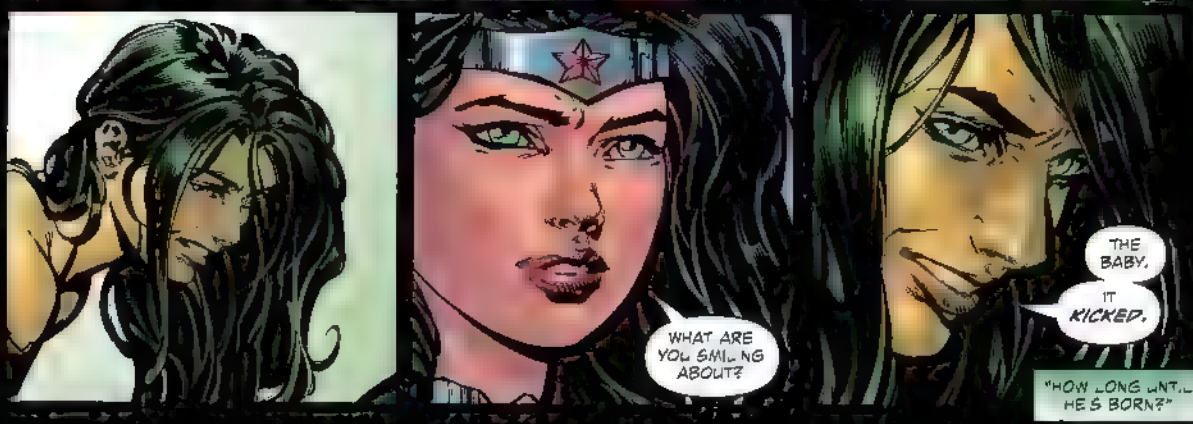

IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE, BARRY. THEY WERE THERE WHEN FIRESTORM PULLED THE REST OF YOU IN, SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
WHERE ARE ELEMENT WOMAN AND VIBE?
I CAN'T FIND ANY EVIDENCE THEY WERE EVER HERE, VIC. NO TRACES OF DNA. NOTHING. IT'S LIKE THEY NEVER EVEN EXISTED.
DO YOU THINK THE SYNDICATE KNOWS ANYTHING?
LUTHOR AND HIS CREW ONLY LEFT THREE OF THEM ALIVE TO QUESTION.

"BUT OWLMAN IS MISSING.


"ULTRAMAN WON'T STOP SOBBING.


"AND WONDER WOMAN'S WITH SUPERWOMAN RIGHT NOW. SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO TELL US WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED."
THAT RED TEAR IN THE SKY...WHAT WAS IT?
YOUR LASSO WON'T WORK ON ME, AMAZON.

TELL ME WHAT DESTROYED YOUR WORLD.


WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?
THE BABY. IT KICKED.
"HOW LONG UNTIL HE'S BORN?"

WITH THE DATA WE RECOVERED FROM THE PREVIOUS CLONE'S REMAINS, WE BELIEVE THE PROCESS ISN'T GOING TO GO ANY QUICKER.
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE AN ABSOLUTELY PERFECT DUPLICATE OF SUPERMAN IN TEN YEARS.
NOT A PERFECT DUPLICATE. I WANT HIM LIKE HE WAS WHEN HE GOT LOOSE.
HOW LONG?
SUBJECT:
"FIVE MORE YEARS."
WHEN BIZARRO WAS AFRAID OF THE DARK, I TOLD HIM WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF.
I TOLD HIM ABOUT MY SISTER LENA AND HOW SHE FELL ILL. I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS TOO AFRAID TO FAIL SO I DIDN'T TRY TO SAVE HER.
THE STORY WAS A LIE.
LENA? IT'S YOUR BROTHER.
I KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. I WANT TO COME SEE YOU.
THE TRUTH IS, MY SISTER WAS SICK. AND I DID TRY TO CURE HER.
BUT I FAILED.
IN A LIFE THAT SEEMS DEFINED BY SUCCESS, IT'S TRULY DEFINED BY FAILURE.
MY FAILURE LEFT HER AN INVALID.
BUT FAILURE IS WHAT MAKES US STRONGER. THAT'S WHAT ULTRAMAN AND HIS SYNDICATE COULD NEVER SEE.
WE NEED TO FAIL TO SUCCEED.
TO GROW.
TO LEARN.
AND I HAVE..

I'VE LEARNED SOMETHING IN PARTICULAR.
WAYNES MURDERED
MURDER AT THE CIRCUS
AND IT'S GOING TO CHANGE EVERYTHING.
BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN.
NOW WHAT'S AHEAD?
NONE OF US WANT TO ADMIT IT BUT SUPERWOMAN DIDN'T NEED TO TELL US WHAT'S COMING.
THERE'S ONLY ONE BEING IN THIS UNIVERSE THAT HAS THE POWER TO DESTROY A WORLD.
THE MONSTER THAT BROUGHT THE LEAGUE TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME.
HE'S STILL OUT THERE
DARKSEID IS RETURNING
YOU HAVE CONSUMED ALL THE POWER YOU CAN FROM THIS UNIVERSE.

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...BUT I WILL FIND YOU ANOTHER UNIVERSE TO CONSUME, ANTI-MONITOR.
AND THEN DARKSEID SHALL BE MINE.

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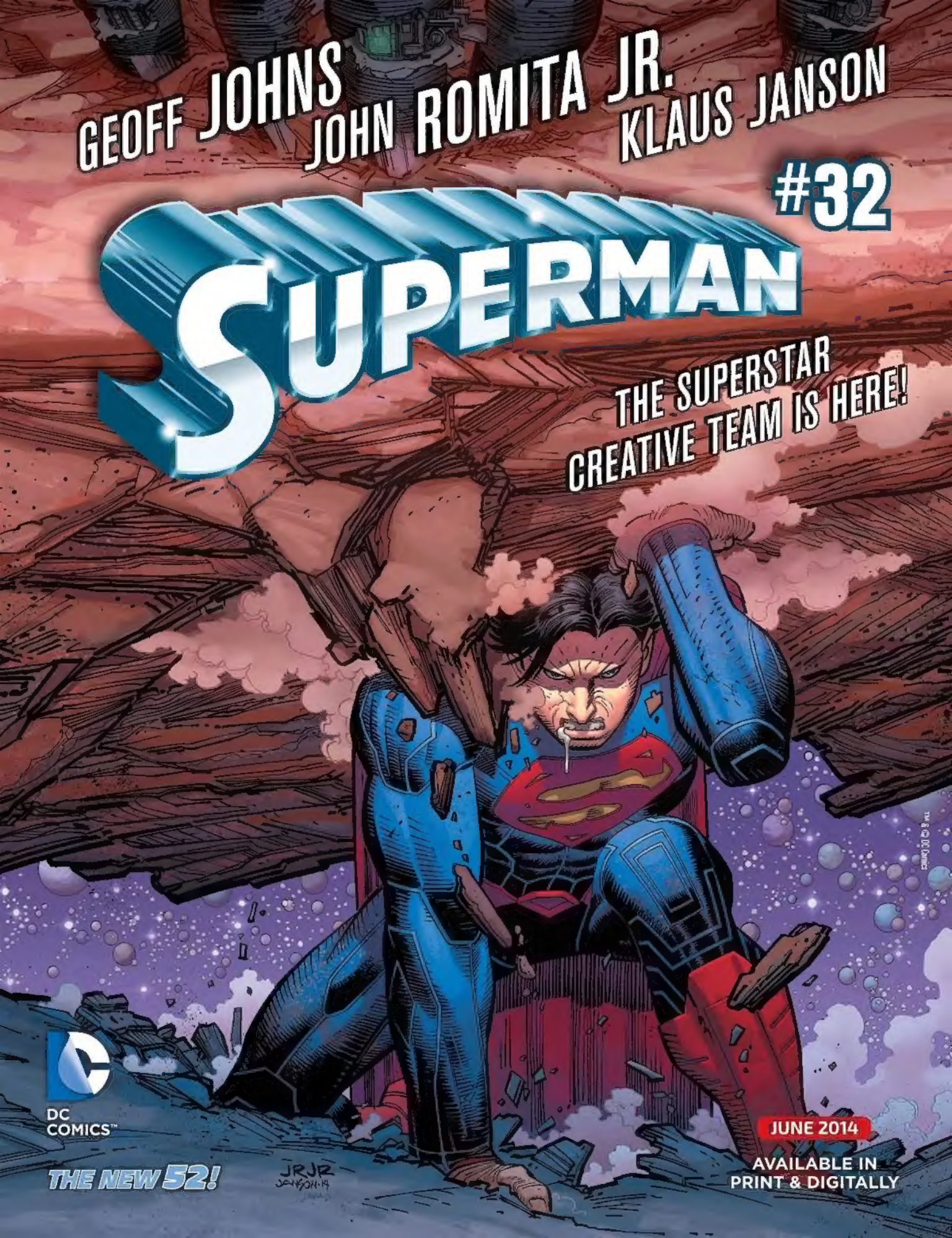
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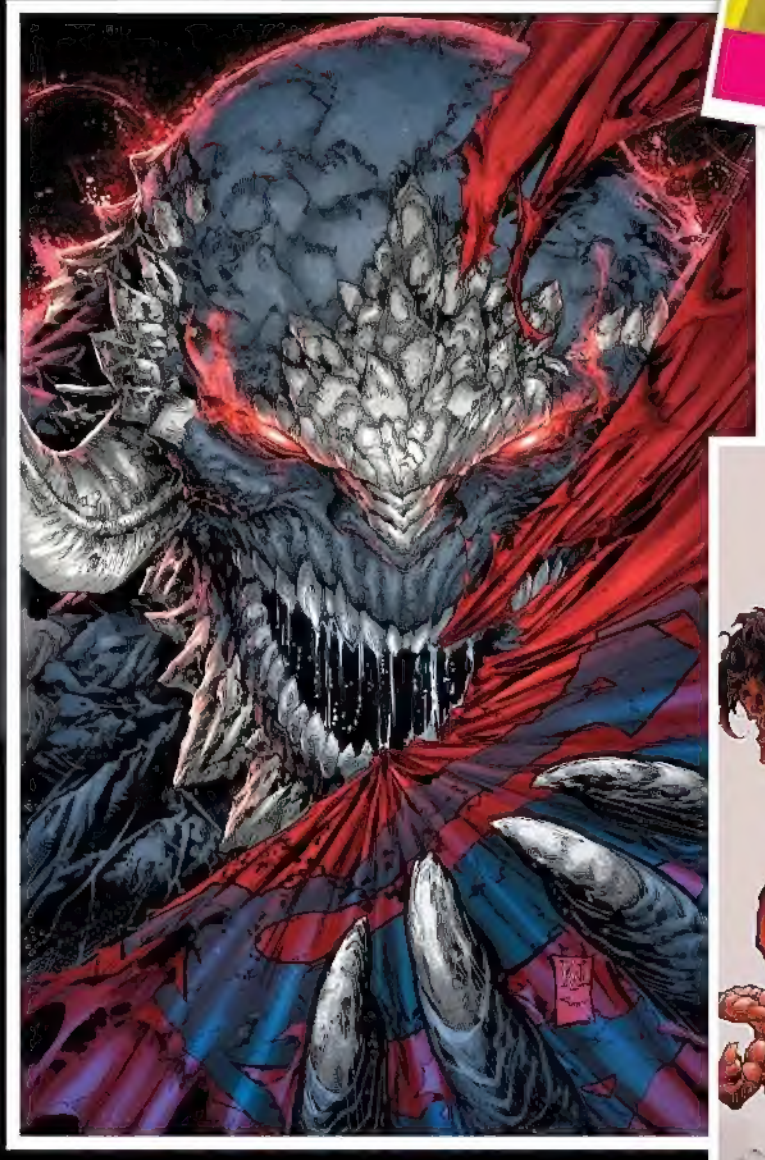
You can follow all the destruction starting this month in SUPERMAN: DOOMED #1 and continuing in SUPERMAN/WONDER WOMAN #8, SUPERMAN #31 and ACTION COMICS #31! Then check in next month as the story continues in "Enemy of the State" and we find out if Superman is truly DOOMED!



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